

Monthly Report to IRG and USAID  
**MUNICIPAL HEATING REFORM JOINT DONOR-GOU TASK FORCE**  
**April 2008**

**Work Accomplished**

- Meredydd Evans traveled to Ukraine to work with the Government on creating the Task Force. She met with a range of organizations including the Ministry of Residential and Communal Services, the Ministry of Finance, the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers, the National Council on Security and Defense and the Association of Ukrainian Cities. She shared comments on the reform documents with the Ministry of Residential and Communal Services and participated in several events related to the reform process, including an Inter-Agency Working Group meeting.
- Battelle prepared a detailed background piece on the benefits of district heating versus individual heating to prepare the Minister of Residential and Communal Services for a major meeting with Prime Minister Tymoshenko.
- Meredydd Evans also prepared a presentation on district heating reform sequencing for widely attended conference that the Ministry of Residential and Communal Services organized.

**Highlights of Results in the Reform Process**

- The Ministry of Residential and Communal Services held an Inter-Agency Working Group meeting on district heating reform. The Ministry also prepared several draft laws and decrees in support of the reforms, including a revised draft General Program on Communal Services Reform. The Ministry agreed to create a higher-level Task Force on the reforms, to be headed by Mr. Haiduk, advisor to Prime Minister Tymoshenko.

**Deliverables Completed**

- Worked on reform strategy with the government.

**Difficulties Encountered and Remedial Actions**

- No major difficulties encountered